Minutes The City of Frederick Mayor and Board of Aldermen Workshop

February 4, 2015 3:00 p.m. Board Room – City Hall

- I. Alderman Kelly Russell called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present was Alderman Michael O'Connor and Alderwoman Donna Kuzemchak. Mayor McClement is in Annapolis attending the Maryland Mayors Association Annual Conference; Alderman Philip Dacey is also in Annapolis. Alderman Joshua Bokee joined the meeting at 3:45 p.m.
- II. The January 13, 2015 Workshop minutes were approved 2-0-1 on a motion by Alderman O'Connor which was seconded by Alderman Russell.
- III. The January 21, 2015 Workshop minutes were approved 2-0-1 on a motion by Alderman O'Connor which was seconded by Alderman Russell.

IV. Workshop

<u>Item 1</u>: Students with the University of Maryland Partnership for Action Learning in Sustainability Program presented project presentations. Alderman Russell welcomed the group. Mr. Gerrit Knaap of the University of Maryland provided information on the program. Mr. Uri Avin and Kiel Edson of the University of Maryland and Joe Adkins, Deputy Director for Planning provided Fall and Spring coursework overview. They also presented the final projects for the Golden Mile, Hotel/Convention Center and the Downtown Archaeological Guide. The following project presentations were given:

- 1. Six New neighborhoods for Frederick
- 2. Algae in Carroll Creek
- 3. Regenerating Biodiversity along Carroll Creek
- 4. Managing Frederick's Watershed
- 5. Development Options for Site C-2
- 6. Carroll Creek Wildlife Recreation Area

V. Elected Officials' Comments

Alderman Bokee apologized for coming in late and remarked on all of the great work. He also said that as a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Planning he is excited to see all of the work that has been done.

Alderman O'Connor said that he was impressed with the students' level of work and said that the deliverables are fantastic. He said that if we can do 10% of what has been brought forward, this partnership has been worth it. He said that it must have been worth it for the students to get out of the theoretical and to apply the skills in a real working

community where their efforts might actually be implemented. He told the students that these are the best years of your life, up until now and that the best is yet to come.

Alderman Russell thanked the students, faculty and visitors from other jurisdictions for attending. She gave thumbs up to the students for their projects and said that the experience has been really exciting. She said she is looking forward to seeing some of these projects being implemented in the future.

Public comment was received.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

It is the policy of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to permit public comment limited to five (5) minutes per person or ten (10) minutes per group. A sign-up sheet is available prior to the meeting.

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